

TELEPHONE COMPANY ENLARGING PLANT.

Steadily Growing Business Makes More Equipment Imperative More Toll Capacity

The Southwestern Bell Telephone Company has material on hand for the enlargement of the business of the local office. The contemplated improvements were made necessary by the steady growth of the business and especially the toll business.

The immense business in tolls done by the Ozark Fruit Growers Association at this, their headquarters during the berry season, had much to do with the enlargement of the plant. The entire business for the whole territory of this great association is conducted at Monett.

In the terminal room they will enlarge the battery supply and change the generator from a motor generator set to a mercury rectifier. A large test panel will secure more toll line capacity.

In the operating room a toll recording station has been installed to take care of calls originating in the town and the stations switched here.

An additional local position will enable them to care for one hundred more local lines, making a total of 900 lines which may be handled from this office.

These changes and others will be made at once as the material is here ready for use.

ENGINEER WILL BOYD DIES

William G. Boyd, aged 38 years, died at his home in Galesburg, Kan., at 8 o'clock p. m., Saturday, January 19, 1918, after a long illness of stomach trouble and complications. Mr. Boyd was employed in Neodesha by the Frisco Railroad company for many years as a fireman and switch engineer. In spite of failing health he worked steadily and without complaint until 3 years ago the 24th of December last, when he was compelled to lay off on account of a severe cold, and he had never returned to work, gradually growing worse since that time. Mr. Boyd had never given up and gone to bed and died suddenly while sitting in a chair, having been out at 5 o'clock to feed his chickens.

Will Boyd was an exemplary young man, honest, upright, energetic, cheerful and kind. With his fellow employees on the railroad he was a general favorite, as he was always considerate and obliging, and ever ready to do his part whatever the occasion. He will be sincerely mourned by all who knew him. He was a member of the Neodesha lodge Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen. He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Mary Boyd, with whom he lived, one brother, living in Oregon, and two sisters, both of Galesburg, one married, the other one living at home with the mother.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the home, being very largely attended. Louis C. Stiffler of the Stiffler Clothing Co., of this city, Wm. Frahs, Frisco fireman of Monett, Mo., and Roscoe E. Garrett, Owen Redman, E. A. Stevens and Harry Hurst, all Frisco employees at this place, were the pallbearers.—Neodesha, (Kan.) Register.

YOUNG MAN DIES OF RHEUMATISM

Harry Deloss Ring, son of Mr. and Mrs. George D. Ring, who lives on the Peirce City road, died Thursday night, January 24. His death was caused by rheumatism, from which he suffered for thirty-two months.

He was taken to Hot Springs, Ark., where the water gave him temporary relief, but not for long. Since last November his death had been daily expected and his last days were filled with untold suffering, which family and physician were unable to alleviate.

The young man was born in Jasper county and was 28 years old at the time of his death.

Funeral services will be held at the home at 2 o'clock, Saturday afternoon, conducted by Rev. Unphries, pastor of the Baptist church at Peirce City. Interment will be made in the Cox cemetery.

In this issue of the Times will be found the announcement of P. E. Horine for the office of Collector of the Revenue. Mr. Horine needs no introduction to the people of Barry county. He was born and reared in this county and has been prominent in public affairs for a number of years. He is one of the county's successful business men and believes strictly in efficiency in public office. Feeling that he is in every way capable of giving the people the kind of service needed in the important office of County Collector, he submits his claim to the Republicans of the August primary.

ENOUGH IS SUFFICIENT.

A little winter now and then is relished by the wisest men. But nature needn't be so rough. We know when we have had enough.

JOE PRATT DIES AT KANSAS CITY

Joe Pratt, formerly of Monett, died at a Kansas City hospital, Thursday, from the effect of being shot in the abdomen.

Mr. Pratt was employed at the Murdock Wholesale house at Kansas City. He was shot by an old man, who was employed there, who believed Mr. Pratt was guilty of playing a joke on him. The trouble took place at the Murdock building one day last week. At no time since the accident has Mr. Pratt's condition been anything but serious.

The deceased lived at Monett for a number of years and had charge of one of the elevators here.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our neighbors and friends for their acts of kindness during the sickness and death of our dear mother and grandmother, Mrs. Mary Cannady.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Spain. And Children.

INSTRUCTION LETTER

County Food Administrator

The meat requirement of our soldiers in France and our associates in war, particularly in regard to pork, require that more rigid measures for pork conservation be inaugurated immediately. It is therefore, ordered that in addition to "Meatless Tuesday" in Missouri there be also a "Porkless Saturday" and at least one meatless meal each day. All members of the United States Food Administration will please observe carefully this new regulation, and urge all others to do likewise.

Will you please see that this information is given as wide publicity as possible in your county. It is also important that the hotels, restaurants, clubs and eating houses of your county observe this new ruling.

Faithfully yours

U. S. FOOD ADMINISTRATION, Missouri Division. F. B. Mumford, Federal Food Administrator for Mo.

The above instructions have been received by me, I take this means of imparting this information to the people of Barry County.

Sincerely yours

J. F. MERMOUND, County Food Administrator.

WHAT IS A SMILEAGE BOOK?

A Smileage Book is a book of coupons, each coupon being good for five cents in exchange for tickets to the Liberty Theatres in the National Army, and National Camps. The one dollar book contains twenty coupons, the five dollar book contains one hundred coupons.

The Smileage Book can be sent to a soldier in a letter, or to the Commanding General, Headquarters, Camp — — —.

A Smileage Book will be better than a letter to bring the soldier cheer. It will show that the folks at home realize that the soldier's morale must be kept up. The \$1,000,000 campaign begins January 28th, our quota is \$250. Let us be ready to "go Over the Top."

MARIONVILLE CITIZEN DIES

T. T. Anderson died at his home at Marionville, Friday morning, January 25th, after a long illness. He leaves a wife and son, Virgil Anderson, of near Billings, and daughter, Mrs. Myrtle Bradley, of Marionville.

Mr. Anderson was 70 years old and had been a prominent citizen of Marionville for the past forty years. He was a member of the Marionville Masonic lodge, the Chapter and Aurora Commandery.

ENTERTAINED AT THE MAPLES

Misses Josephine and Margaret Price entertained a number of their friends at The Maples on west County street Friday evening.

The home was tastefully decorated with bouquets of sweet peas. A delicious one-course luncheon was served and the evening was spent with games and dancing.

Those present were Misses Ruth Cole, Mary and Dorothy Burke, Lois Wright, Isabelle Miller, Thelma Shreve, Mary White, Josephine and Margaret Price, Messrs. Henry Lauterett, Gilbert Planchon, George Reynaud, Fred Dwyer, Raymond Kingery, Ervin Floreth, Hardy Kemp, Myron Dunlap, Tommy Tutt, Messdames Gus Cole and Clifford Purdy and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Osborn.

Mrs. John Maher went to Joplin, Friday.

John Binney, of Upton, Wyo., is visiting his brother, B. S. Binney, and family.

Mrs. Walter Swartzel received word the last of the week that private Max Howard, her nephew, who joined the Marines and is with the 96th Co., 2nd Battalion, 6th Regiment went aboard ship January 18th.

HUNG JURY IN WILKES MURDER CASE

Unable to Give a Verdict the Case Will be Continued to the May Term of Court

After deliberating for five hours the jury in the trial of Virgil Wilkes charged with the murder of his father George Wilkes, of Verona, reported that they were unable to reach a verdict.

As a result of the jury report the case will be continued to the May term of Lawrence county circuit court.

The men comprising the jury were Albert Patton, R. H. Henshaw, William Cagle, J. M. Branstetter, J. R. Robinson, H. H. Carl, Sherman Hutchison, C. V. Swearingen, Homer Smith, Frank Harper, Knowles Smith and William Gardner.

Sixteen-year-old Mary Ashen of Aurora, on the witness stand Thursday in Lawrence county circuit court at Mt. Vernon, declared that Virgil Wilkes alleged murderer of his father arrived at her home at 8 o'clock on the night of the killing, and remained with her until news of the murder reached them.

Rigid cross-examination failed to shake her story.

Five other witnesses told of seeing young Wilkes in Aurora between 7:30 o'clock and 8 o'clock.

State witnesses fixed the time of the murder at 7:30 o'clock.

Mrs. Sarah Wilkes, mother of the youth, and widow of the slain farmer, was on the stand as a witness for the defense. When state's attorney cross-examined her, and attempted to bring out a statement made by the dying man, in which he named his son as his assassin, objection was made by the defense.

The defense of Wilkes was an alibi, and attempted to prove the good character of the defendant.

Miss Ashen, upon whom Wilkes called shortly after he arrived at Aurora, said the young man reached her home at 8 o'clock.

She said they took a short walk and then went over to Wilke's buggy, intending to take a drive. It was then that the word reached them of the death of Wilke's father.

Lyan Davis, Seldrige Miller Ranson Ashen, Clyde Atkinson and Mrs. Della Kulgman told of seeing the youth at Aurora as early as 7:30 o'clock.

In attempts to disprove testimony showing that ill feeling existed between father and son, witnesses were offered who testified how young Wilkes and his father only a few days before the killing, reached an agreement whereby they should have a half interest in the farm.

Mrs. Wilkes, the mother of the defendant, told the story of the shooting. She said she was in the front room reading and that her husband had gone on to the bedroom, to go to bed. She told of hearing the crash of glass as the shot came through the window and of her husband staggering out of the room.

The court room of the Lawrence county court house was packed to capacity all day, Thursday and it was estimated that 700 people were in the room.

In making final arguments, the defense insisted that the evidence against young Wilkes was entirely circumstantial and the jury was asked not to convict a man on such evidence as had been presented.

The jury was given final instructions by Judge Charles Henson and retired to the jury room at 5:35 o'clock. They returned to the court room at 10:30 o'clock and reported that they could not reach a verdict.

Edgar Kaiser of Freistatt went to Carthage Friday.

Mrs. Pat Martin is spending the week with her daughter, Mrs. Paul Coleman, at Springfield.

Mrs. E. G. Braymen of Kansas City is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Arthur Nordin.

John Meagher, of Picher, Okla., has been visiting relatives at Sarcoxie and Monett.

Geo. Schafnitter received a card from his son, Police, Monday morning, who is in France, and who writes as follows: "I have been training a few days. I am feeling fine at present. The weather is cool. Tell all the rest of this is all I can write."

C. J. Rathens was called to Miami, Ok., Saturday, by the illness of his father, who had a stroke of paralysis. He returned, Monday and reported his father's condition as better.

Miss Nora Bernhardt visited friends in Monett today on her way to Seligman to visit her sister, Mrs. H. E. Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Y. Charles have returned to their home at Hope, Ark., after a visit with relatives at Monett and Peirce City.

KINGS PRAIRIE

Little Bernice Carter is a very sick girl this week, threatened with pneumonia.

Four more weeks of school. The attendance is fairly well, considering the cold weather and deep snow. We are having a good school, under the management of J. B. Thompson.

Some of the Prairie people heard a noise Sunday evening which was supposed to be an aeroplane passing over.

The Prairie folks have proven themselves patriotic in the Red Cross and Y. M. C. A. campaign, and now they are Hooverizing in observing wheatless and meatless days. They can very well observe sugarless days, since they have plenty of sorghum molasses.

Grandma Sanders passed away January 11, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. H. E. Spain. Mr. Spain's mother, Grandma Cannady, passed away, January 18. Both were very old and had made their home with Mr. and Mrs. Spain for many years. Both were consecrated christians and had lived beautiful lives. Mr. and Mrs. Spain have the sympathy of their many friends on the Prairie in the loss of their mothers.

Mrs. W. R. Browning received a letter this week from her son, Omer Ash, who is a member of Gen. Pershing's army in France. His letter was very cheerful, stating that he was enjoying good health and seeing regular service on French soil.

EAST BETHEL

We are having some nice weather at present, which is much appreciated.

The revival at Mount Grove still continues with good attendance and good interest.

The Beason boys, of Oklahoma, are visiting with Vaner Thomas and family this week. They will go from here to Washington to make their future home.

Mrs. Henry Spain is much better at this writing.

Miss Anna Marbut is visiting with Miss Reta Inman and attending the meeting at Mount Grove.

We were sorry to learn of the death of aunt Maggie Sanders. She will be greatly missed, as she was always ready to assist in every time of need and always had a word of comfort for those who were in distress. Truly, the community has lost its greatest comforter.

Miss Dessie Russel is staying with Mrs. Algie Poyner.

Mr. and Mrs. Tilman Henderon visited Mr. and Mrs. John Marbut, Sunday.

Mrs. Mary Cannady, better known as Grandma Cannady, quietly passed away at 3 o'clock, Friday. She was the wife of Rev. James H. Cannady, who died about 22 years ago. She was the mother of H. E. Spain, of Sidway's ranch and Martha Clark, of Green county. She was the foster-mother of Mrs. Martha Ethridge, of Lawrence County and C. C. Cannady, of McDonald. Mrs. Morgan Carr, Mrs. John Marbut, Rev. Will Cannady, of Monett, and John Cannady, of Wagner, Okla. She leaves a host of friends to mourn her loss.

Miss Zora Ward who is a student at the Fayetteville University stopped over between trains Thursday evening and visited with Miss Antoinette Dwyer. She was on her way home in Springfield.

Raleigh Blakemore, who is in the naval training on the Great Lakes has been visiting for a few days with his brother, Chas. Blakemore. He is on a ten days furlough and left Friday morning for Prairie Grove, Ark., for a visit with relatives.

Paul Schneider, who has been very ill for some time with erysipelas, is improving rapidly.

Shop and Railroad News

It was announced at the office of R. F. Carr, assistant general manager of the Frisco, that after January 27 a considerable number of local trains would be suspended on Sundays. Officers are working on a new time table which will be issued in the near future.

Harry S. Mitchell, a former resident of Cherokee, Kan., well known Frisco engineer, died Sunday morning at the Frisco hospital at St. Louis. A number of railroad employees attended the funeral.

Starting with next Sunday and with each following Sunday, the three regular trains to and from Picher, Ok., will be discontinued. The move is made to conserve coal.

FRISCO TIMEKEEPERS

RETURN TO DIVISIONS

Springfield, January 24.—Arrangements were completed today for the removal from the general offices of the Frisco of the division time keeping force which has had headquarters here for the past two years.

The time keeping force will return to the division headquarters on February 1. About 25 men are affected by the change.

The men have charge of time records of the trainmen, engine-men and yard employees. In the change of headquarters eighteen will go to division points outside of Springfield as follows:

Central division, Ft. Smith, three; the southwestern division, Sapulpa, four; Western division, Enid, 1; Northern division, Fort Scott, Kan., four; Southern division, Memphis, four and River and Cape division, Chaffee, two.

An order announced Wednesday at the Frisco freight office at Tulsa promises to put the small towns of that section of the state on a canned goods basis. The order puts an end to the refrigerator and frost proof car schedule on less than car load shipments.

Produce men of Tulsa said the order virtually will stop supplying small towns with produce from the warehouses, for few country merchants can afford to purchase a carload of produce at one time. The order will affect all classes of perishables that must be sent by the refrigerator car.

Towns immediately adjacent to Tulsa may adopt motor transportation when road conditions improve. The Frisco suggested sending small shipments by express.

Produce men estimated the amount of less than car load lots sent from here each week at eight cars.

As a result of the protest over the congested condition of the Frisco freight depot at Tulsa, the Oklahoma corporation commission has made an order increasing ten-fold the storage charges at Oklahoma railroad freight depots on freight left more than twelve hours. Under the new rule, after the forty-eight-hour exemption has elapsed a charge of 5 cents a ton will be made for the first day and thereafter the charge will be increased 5 cents a day until it reaches 50 cents a ton.

Wm. Ezell who works at the baggage room is laying off on account of sickness.

Conductor Bowman has returned to work on the eastern division after a weeks lay off.

Mrs. W. S. Carlin, of Purdy, visited her sister, Mrs. O. Barker, Sunday.

Earl Callaway left Saturday night for St. Louis. From there he will go to Indianapolis, from which place he will travel for a wholesale company.

CITY COUNCIL TRANSACTS IMPORTANT BUSINESS

The Monett city council met on Thursday afternoon and transacted considerable business.

The city engineer, Bert Robbins, reported that the paving of Second street from Front street to the intersection with Central avenue had been completed in accordance with terms and had been accepted. The paving was of asphaltic cement filled macadam. The contract was given to Sherwood & Myers in a resolution passed July 19, 1917 and approved September 10.

The total number of square yards is 7033.75 at a net cost of \$1.20 per square yard, the total of the contract being \$8440.50. The amount chargeable to each front foot is \$2.55.

An ordinance was passed taking the license off drays, butcher-shops and dealers in meats. Another ordinance was passed prohibiting the removal of any quarantine flag put up by the marshal or health officer. The penalty for violating the ordinance will be not less than \$5.00 nor more than \$50, or a jail sentence of not more than sixty days.

An ordinance was passed appropriating the sum of \$3500 to pay off seven Electric Light bonds. Outstanding bonds after paying these amount to \$20,000. Interest paid on Electric Light bonds amounted to \$593.34. \$5.00 of Water Works Improvement Bonds was paid. Interest on same was \$25.70. There is only one bond of \$500 now outstanding of this kind. They also paid one sewer bond of \$500, leaving \$3000 of sewer bonds yet to pay. Interest paid on waterworks improvements bonds was \$501.25. Interest paid on judgment funding bond was \$368.20.

The council paid out a total of \$991.23 at their meeting, Thursday, of which \$4500 was in payment of bonds and the remainder was interest.

PEIRCE CITY BOY DIES AT FT. SILL

Murrell LeMont Cook was born in Monett, February 2nd, 1897, and died January 20th, 1918, at Camp Doniphan, Ft. Sill, Ok., aged 20 years, 11 months and 18 days, at the age of three years his mother died and since that time he has lived with his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Smith. He lived in Monett until April, 1917, when his uncle died and he and his aunt came to live in Peirce City.

He enlisted in Co. M., Second Missouri Infantry, M. N. G. at the time of the call to the Mexican border service, in which he was engaged. August, 1917, he answered his country's call with his comrades, and at the time of his death was a member of the 130th Machine Gun Battalion, U. S. Army.

While in camp he contracted pneumonia, which was the cause of his death. His remains were accompanied to Peirce City by his nearest comrade, Samuel Graber.

The funeral service was held in the Congregational church in Peirce City, Thursday, January 24th. Interment was made in the city cemetery. The pallbearers were former and present comrades in arms. The burial rite was concluded by sounding of taps, the soldier's last rite, by Spencer Golden, who is employed at the Leader office, and who is a veteran of the Spanish-American war and of the Philippine Insurrection and a member of the 5th Cavalry Band, in a very able manner sounded the taps as the casket was lowered into the grave.

Peirce City and vicinity are well represented in the United States service, but Murrell is the first of the number to answer the Final Roll Call. The community at large bows its head over this new made grave, which means one more added to that of millions to sleep in honored dust.—Peirce City Leader.

Miss Dixie Hobbs left for her home in Cassville, Friday morning, after a visit with relatives in Monett. She has been visiting in Kansas City for some time.